The meeting started at 5:30 PM with the Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) presentation. Adele Anfinson and Dr. Susan Rosen provided an overview of what Student Health and Counseling Services provides to students, and their accomplishments this past year. The accomplishments include an increase of traffic to the website due to the cold and flu page, as well as expanding IUD services at the Mission Bay clinic. In the past, SHCS received temporary funding for dietician services, but those funds were not renewed by last year’s committee. This resulted in the need to reduce the dietician’s FTE from 70% to 50%, even though her services continue to be utilized by students. SHCS has been managing the impact of the budget cut from last year, as well as the loss of a Cal MHSA grant after three year. SHCS plans to begin charging new fees as well as increasing existing fees in the clinic to partially address the revenue situation. However, there are no plans to charge for mental health visits so as not to adversely impact student utilization of these services.

Questions:
What is the importance of the first point of contact and first appointment scheduled data? Urgent patients are seen immediately, while non-urgent patients are seen within one week. If a student is experiencing a crisis, sometimes a non-urgent appointment will be bumped in order to help the patient in most need of immediate treatment.

What is the waiver data telling us? It shows the percentage of students who waived out of the UC SHIP insurance requirement. Of the waived students, 92% were professional school students. There is an increase in waivers because students are now able to stay on their parent's insurance plans until age 26 per the Affordable Care Act. A committee member proposed SHCS promote their plans on site (look this up).

Does SHCS offer a summary of its services? While this information is available on the SHCS website, providing cost information is challenging due to the reimbursement levels from the various health plans.

What are the benefits of utilizing SHCS’ services over seeking care from a primary care doctor under the UC SHIP or other health plan benefits? SHCS providers have an expertise in caring for young adults, and the cost is significantly lower. Being a part of the UCSF community, SHCS providers have a better understanding of the demands and challenges the students face, their schedules and time constraints, health issues, and risks. The SHCS mental health providers better understand student psychological needs, as well as are able to coordinate with the schools and other campus programs creating a unique advocacy for UCSF students.

Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA):
presented the new combined student government, the GPSA, which was recently approved by the students and is awaiting final approval from the Office of the President (UCOP). The
challenges that the two existing and separate student governments faced were a lack of a unified student voice, well coordinated events, and general confusion among students, all of which has resulted in the two student governments joining forces to eliminate redundancies and create a unified student voice. Some of the benefits of this collaboration include better support of the registered campus-based organizations (RCOs), funding of student travel to professional conferences, and new opportunities for student advocacy and inter-professional discussions and collaborations. Since this is a transition period for UCSF student government, the potential 2-5% budget cut may be possible, but RCO funding will probably be impacted.

Questions:

How is RCO funding determined? There are a series of guidelines. A request for funding form must be completed, and if the criteria are met, then funding is granted.

What is the impact of a 2-5% budget cut? GPSA would fund 2-5% fewer activities, which means funding will still be available, but RCOs may not receive the full amount requested. At this time, it is hard to project what the actual impact of a budget cut would be.

Last year, there was $8,000 allocated as temporary funding to ASUCSF for RCOs. This year, it will not be in the budget. What is the impact of this funding loss? With the combined student government and collaborations with the school-based student governments, in theory, this support will now be available through the revenue from the various student government fees.

Student Life:

Jennifer Rosko presented for Student Life, and explained that Student Life now consists of the previous Office of Student Life, Student Services at Mission Bay, and the Student Activity Center. The four areas Student Life supports are student governments, the RCOs, orientation planning, and sponsored events. The new Student Life organization is seeking out more efficient and innovative ways to better serve students, such as the recently implemented room reservation system. Student Life has maintained the same service level despite losing staff. It has developed an internship program with the University of San Francisco’s (USF) Masters in Higher Education program where USF students can receive credits towards their degree by completing projects for Student Life. Student Life is requesting that the existing SSF funding level be maintained.

Questions:

How many staff members are there within Student Life? There are currently two staff members at Parnassus and two at Mission Bay. The Learning Resource Services and the Student Activity Center are no longer being funded from SSF revenue. Some committee members mentioned that they appreciate the assistance they receive from Student Life. One committee member mentioned that the student government activities run successfully due to the efforts of Student Life staff, and another member mentioned that events would not happen at Mission Bay if it were not for the efforts of Student Life.

How is the Student Resource Center at Mission Bay combining with Student Life? The Student Resource Center at Mission Bay is under the Student Life umbrella with the goal of providing comparable programs and services at both the Parnassus and Mission Bay campuses. There are plans to have Registrar’s Office staff at Mission Bay once a month in order to better meet the needs of the Mission Bay-based students. There is also a Mission Bay Planning Committee as well as one at Parnassus.

Synapse:

Steven Chin began the Synapse presentation by noting that the student newspaper has been in existence for 58 years at UCSF. The key positions that make up the Synapse staff are the editor, executive editor, and associated editors. The vacant copy editor position is being eliminated in order to cut costs. The downside of not having this position maybe that errors may not be caught prior to publication. Ad
revenue has declined historically with the growth of electronic media. Synapse is currently on track to make $27,000 in revenue this year. Editorial meetings are held each week where all students are welcome; lunch is served, articles are proofread, and story ideas can be suggested and discussed. There is only a 5% return rate on the 2,500 copies printed per week, meaning that the paper is being read. Website traffic has increased, as well as social media followers on Facebook and Twitter. Synapse staff has considered going completely digital, but statistics from a recent survey show that 62% of students prefer a print edition, and 77% of the student body reads the paper. Akshay Govind, a student writer, spoke about the benefits of the newspaper from a student writer perspective. He mentioned that students are compensated $7-12 per story, and that if lunch was not provided at the editorial meeting, student may not have an incentive to attend.

Questions:  
**Is there good student representation from both campuses?** Akshay responded affirmatively and mentioned that they have started having some editorial meetings at Mission Bay which have had a small, but good turnout. Akshay then recounted his undergraduate experience writing for a Harvard University student newspaper. He pointed out a recent article in the New York Times that highlighted negative impacts various universities have experienced as a result of reducing or eliminating their print editions. He commented that he would hate to see this happen at UCSF.  

**How much would be saved if Synapse was only digital/online?** $500 x 33 = $16,000 in savings. However, each issue brings in $1,000 from print only ads. If the paper went digital only, it would lose that revenue. Synapse currently makes only $40-50 per week in advertising revenue for its online edition. A discussion then ensued about the budget differences between each scenario, and Steven commented that there is approximately $500 in weekly expenses related to the weekly editorial meetings and compensating student writers.  

**Voting:** None  
**Adjournment:** 7:25 PM